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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
OAKLAND DIVISION**

EPIC GAMES, INC.

Case No. 4:20-cv-05640-YGR-TSH

Plaintiff, Counter-defendant

**DECLARATION OF MARK A. PERRY IN
SUPPORT OF APPLE INC.'S
ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION TO SEAL**

APPLE INC.,

The Honorable Thomas S. Hixson

Defendant, Counterclaimant

1 I, Mark A. Perry, hereby declare as follows:

2 1. I am an attorney licensed to practice in the State of California and a member of the Bar
 3 of this Court. I am a partner at the law firm Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, counsel of record for Apple
 4 Inc. (“Apple”) in this case. I am familiar with Apple’s treatment of highly proprietary and confidential
 5 information based on my personal experience representing Apple. I have personal knowledge of the facts
 6 stated below and, if called as a witness, would testify competently thereto. I submit this declaration in
 7 support of Apple’s Administrative Motion to Seal (the “Motion”).¹

8 2. I am aware that the law of this Circuit allows information to be filed under seal for good
 9 cause or in certain compelling circumstances. I also understand that courts routinely seal filings where
 10 documents include a company’s trade secrets, internal codenames, confidential research and
 11 development, personally identifiable information, or other commercially sensitive information. I
 12 understand that this Court has broad latitude to prevent the public disclosure of these categories of
 13 commercially sensitive information, among other categories.

14 3. Apple operates in an intensely competitive environment. Apple has serious and legitimate
 15 concerns that competitors will be quick to capitalize on any release of Apple’s highly sensitive
 16 information in order to gain competitive advantage. As such, Apple takes extensive measures to protect
 17 the confidentiality of its information.

18 4. Apple has carefully reviewed the exhibit to Apple’s Objections to Special Master Rulings
 19 on Apple’s Productions of Re-Reviewed Privileged Documents (“Objections”), which was filed under
 20 section 4 of the Joint Stipulation and Order Approving Privilege Re-Review Protocol (the “Protocol”),

21 1 Courts in the Ninth Circuit routinely grant motions to seal based on declarations of counsel. See, e.g.,
 22 *In re Apple Secs. Litig.*, 19-cv-02033-YGR, Dkt. 223 (N.D. Cal.); *In re Qualcomm Litig.*, No. 17-cv-
 23 00108-GPC, Dkt. 398-1 (S.D. Cal. Mar. 26, 2018); *Avago Techs. U.S. Inc. v. Iptronics Inc.*, No. 10-cv-
 24 02863-EJD, Dkt. 544 (N.D. Cal. Apr. 3, 2015); *Cisco Sys., Inc. v. OpenTV Inc.*, No. 13-cv- 00282-
 25 EJD, Dkt. 76 (N.D. Cal. Oct. 8, 2013). If the Court deems this declaration insufficient, Apple
 26 respectfully requests that it be permitted to file a further declaration supporting filing under seal.

and now proposes to partially seal information therein that, if disclosed, could harm Apple's competitive business interests and would reveal personally identifiable information.

5. Apple seeks to seal this information because the privilege log is required to be filed under the terms of the Protocol but contains personally identifiable information in the form of email addresses of Apple employees that Apple intends to keep non-public.

6. Apple has narrowly tailored its sealing request as to maximize the public's access to court documents without jeopardizing Apple's business interests. The remainder of the privilege log exhibit remains unredacted.

7. Below is a chart detailing the portions of the privilege log exhibit sealable for the reasons explained herein, as well as in Apple's Motion.

Portion of Document Sought to Be Sealed	Document Title	Reason to Seal
Highlighted information in the from/to/cc columns (H, I, J) of row entries 4 and 5 within the privilege log.	Exhibit A to Objections (Privilege Log Entries)	Reflects personally identifiable information

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 12th day of February 2025, in Washington, D.C.

Dated: February 12, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/ Mark A. Perry
Mark A. Perry